

City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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Gaithersburg Fine Arts Association Juried Exhibition Returns to Kentlands Mansion

Gaithersburg, MD – (April 30, 2019) <u>Arts on the Green</u> presents the annual juried art exhibition of the <u>Gaithersburg Fine Arts Association</u> (GFAA) at Kentlands Mansion, May 3 through July 7, 2019. The public is invited to meet the artists at a free reception on Thursday, May 9 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

This year's exhibit was juried by Jean Hirons, a nationally recognized pastelist who is a signature member of the Pastel Society of America and a member of the Master Circle of the International Association of Pastel Societies. Jean also holds signature membership in the Pastel Painters Society of Cape Cod and the Maryland Pastel Society. Her artwork has been featured in many national and international juried shows and is internationally collected. In addition to being a practicing artist, Jean teaches pastel at her studio at Artists and Makers in Rockville. She is the author of the well-received pastel instruction book, *Finding Your Style in Pastel*.

The GFAA provides a forum for members to collaborate on activities that expand on their individual artistic backgrounds, with emphasis on two-dimensional art. The group provides educational programs, promotional opportunities and outreach to local audiences and the broader artistic community. The group's limited scope allows for intense dedication to the classical mediums of the arts. Members work in 2D format executed in, but not exclusively, oils, acrylic, pastel, watercolor, drawing media, and various mixed media. More information can be found at www.gaithersburgfinearts.org.

Located at 320 Kent Square Road, the <u>Mansion Gallery</u> offers the opportunity to view art in the beautiful, timeless setting of historic Kentlands Mansion. Because the Mansion is frequently rented for private events, viewing hours are Monday through Friday by appointment only. Please call the Mansion at 301-258-6425 prior to your visit.

Please note that most of the artwork is for sale and all images are copyrighted by the artists. For more information, please contact Shellie Williams at 301-258-6394, e-mail shellie.williams@gaithersburgmd.gov, or visit Kentlands Mansion at www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

About Arts on the Green

Arts on the Green is the City of Gaithersburg's home for the performing and visual arts. Enjoy exhibits, concerts and theater performances at the Arts Barn and Kentlands Mansion and outdoor events and festivals on the

park-like Green. Or join us for educational opportunities in one of our teaching studios, resident artist studios or theatre. Our historic buildings recall the charm of a bygone era, but our activities are anything but old fashioned.

For more information call 301-258-6394, find us at www.gaithersburgmd.gov or follows us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram at ArtsontheGreen.

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